

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claim 1 remains pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

In the Examiner's answer mailed March 23, 2004, the examiner withdrew any objection/rejection to claim 3. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claim 1 at an early date is solicited.

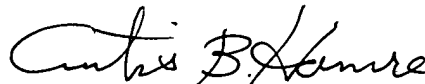
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